

coming in with dishes of meat and drink for the sick starving prisoner. This good man's name was Howard; he is called "The friend of man." We ought to be very thankful to God that such a man ever lived, and it is a very great honour to us to belong to the same country that he belonged to.

My dear young Reader,—If you would think a little, you could tell me of One, whom this good man was like (for it was his example that he followed, and in his steps that he trod), but whose love and goodness was far, very far greater than Howard's; who is yet, for all that, thought very little of by the people of this world. That person is Jesus Christ. "He was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we, through his poverty, might be made rich." His house was "one of many mansions (or rooms), a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." He had many servants. For "all the angels of God" are his servants, and worship him, and do his pleasure, and hearken to the voice of his word." He looked down from heaven, his dwelling-place, upon the children of men, poor prisoners of the devil, "tied and bound with the chains of our sins." He saw the dreadful fever which raged here in the earth, by which thousands of souls are perishing continually. He "had compassion upon us." He came to visit this earth of sin and sorrow, disease and death. He became a man, "like unto us in all things except sin." He spent his life, whilst upon earth "in going about and doing good, and healing all manner of disease and infirmity among the people." He knew the cause of the dreadful plague which was destroying souls. He found out the cure. He died himself to make an atonement for sin; and now every one that truly repents of his sin (that is, is heartily sorry for it, and does truly desire and strive to leave it off), and also firmly believes in Jesus Christ, that he died for us; and who has such a love to Christ in his heart, because he believes this, as makes him try to do every thing he can to please him, "and keep his sayings" which are written in the Bible—every one who thus truly repents and unfeignedly believes, is forgiven his sins. God Almighty the Father loves him; Jesus Christ the Son is his Friend in heaven to pray for him, and speak good words for him; and the Holy Spirit will make his heart clean, will cure him of all love of sin, and not let the plague come again into his heart, to destroy it, and at the last will take away all sin for ever, so that he shall be fit to go to heaven, and live in the house of many mansions with his Friend and Saviour; and be equal with angels, "and serve and praise God Almighty for ever."